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|  | Art Unit               | 3743                                   |
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Application No.: 09/677637  
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Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

Group Art Unit: 3743  
Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**


**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2) is being filed concurrently

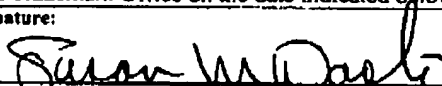
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- ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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